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THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A separate representation may be made in regard to that and I shall have it looked into."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MOTION UNDER RULE 40 OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES *RE* TAMIL STUDENTS STUDYING IN THE ANANTAPUR ENGINEERING COLLEGE.

9 30 a.m. MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member, Sri Balakrishnan, has given notice of a motion under rule 40 of the Assembly Rules."

* SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, under rule 40 of the Assembly Rules, I invite the attention of the Hon. Minister for Education to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the plight and difficulties of the Tamil students studying in the Anantapur Engineering College consequent on the formation of the Andhra State and the lukewaram interest evinced in their behalf by the students' Mother State of Madras.

" The subject-matter of my motion briefly put is this. In the composite State of Madras 25 to 30 Tamil students from Madras were allowed to study in the Anantapur Engineering College. Shortly after the partition took place most of the students who went over to the Anantapur Engineering College as scholarship-holders and stipendiaries found themselves suddenly deprived of the educational concessions that they were enjoying in the composite State of Madras and those concessions were promised to them by the Government of Madras. On 2nd September 1954 in Proceedings R.C. No. 94-B/54, dated 2nd September 1954, the Director of Public Instruction terminated those concessions and the scholarships they were enjoying. They agitated and then appealed to the Government of Madras. Some time later in the month of February 1955, the cancelled stipends and scholarships were revived and they were allowed to continue to enjoy those concessions conditionally and only for a limited number of students. The proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction are as follows :—

'The fee concessions under rule 92, Madras Educational Rules, which were cancelled in this office R.C. No. 94-B/54, dated 2nd September 1954, in respect of the students of Madras State have been granted again in respect of the undermentioned students for the year 1954-55 only subject to the condition that the Madras Government should reimburse the Andhra Government the cost involved at the end of the year.'

Even this concession is not allowed to all students but only to particular students. It is favourable only to those students who were receiving scholarships and stipends under concessions given to Harijan and Backward communities. But this concession has been completely withheld in the case of students who were receiving scholarships and stipends under military and merit concessions. It is not known when those concessions would be revived for merit and military scholarship holders.

" Then, with regard to actual facilities for education, it has been brought home to the Government by a deputation that waited

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on the Hon. the Chief Minister and the Hon. the Minister for Public Works in December 1954, that various difficulties were placed in the way of those students pursuing their education peacefully and in a concentrated manner."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Education Demand is coming up for discussion shortly and why should the hon. Member elaborate on these points now. Let him conclude his speech soon."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" The other difficulty that they are faced with, is that although they are students from this State, they were sent to Anantapur on the specific understanding that they would be allowed to take the examination of the University of Madras and they would be given the degrees of the University of Madras. Now what is sought to be done there is that they are compelled to take the examination of the University of Andhra and are also compelled to receive the degrees from the University of Andhra.

" Yet another difficulty is that every year, I am told, six students from the Anantapur Engineering College are sent to Guindy to undergo training in Tele-communications as there is no such facility in Anantapur. But this year such a facility has been suddenly refused to Tamil students who would otherwise be entitled to get it. The result is that they are being denied the study of Tele-communications in the Engineering College at Guindy. They urge that the Government should completely put an end to all these troubles. I appeal to the Hon. Minister for Education to take them over to the Madras State, without delay and give a quietus to the sufferings of our boys in Anantapur."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, in December 1954, the 34 students of this State now studying in the Engineering College, Anantapur, in II B.E. class represented to the Government the various difficulties and hardships they are put to even in the day-to-day working of the college in the new set-up after separation and requested this Government to transfer them to the Engineering Colleges at Guindy and Coimbatore. The Madras State students in the Engineering College, Anantapur, were not given the concessions under Rule 92 of the Madras Educational Rules for the year 1954–55, which they were enjoying in 1953–54 for the reason that they do not belong to the Andhra State. On a representation received from the students, this Government took up the question with the Government of Andhra and now the concessions under Rule 92 of the Madras Educational Rules are allowed to the Madras State students for which this Government have agreed to re-imburse the Government of Andhra the cost of such concessions allowed to the Madras State students.

" Under the Tirupathi University Act, the colleges in Rayalaseema will stand affiliated to the Tirupathi University from the academic year 1956 and during the interim period, to the Andhra University. But the students who are now studying under the

Madras University curriculum will be permitted and assisted to complete their course in accordance with that curriculum, but the degrees they will get will be those of the Andhra University or of the Tirupathi University as the case may be. The Syndicate of the Madras University has already informed the Andhra University that it would offer its fullest co-operation in any scheme that might be mutually agreed upon for the conduct of the examinations for the students in the Senior classes. In view of this position, the award of the Madras University degree for those students now studying in the Engineering College, Anantapur, is out of question, if they are to study there and write the examinations under direct supervision of the Andhra University to which the Anantapur College is now affiliated temporarily.

"But on the other hand, if the students studying in the Engineering College, Anantapur, in accordance with the curriculum of the Madras University are transferred to the Engineering Colleges at Guindy and Coimbatore which are affiliated to the Madras University, they will be awarded the B.E. degree of the Madras University. The Madras University should approve this transfer. The concurrence of the Government of Andhra for the transfer of the Madras students will also be necessary.

"In the Engineering College, Anantapur, there are 31 Madras State students studying in the final year (IV B.E.) who will be writing their examination in March-April 1955. The holders of the B.E. degree of the Andhra University will not suffer in life in any way as it is not correct to say that it is not equal to that of the Madras University. In view of the fact that these final year students will be finishing their course in March 1955, it is proposed not to take up the question of their transfer to the Madras State.

"There are, in addition, 38 students of the Madras State in the III year class and 34 students in the II year class in the Engineering College, Anantapur. It is the 34 students now studyng in the II B.E. class who have represented for their transfer in 1955–56 to the Engineering Colleges in the Madras State. On the other hand, the question of transferring all the 72 students studying in the III and II B.E. class in the Engineering College, Anantapur, to the colleges at Guindy and Coimbatore is under consideration of the Government. The University's approval is necessary for the transfer of these students and it is proposed to address the University in the matter."

Point of information re *replying in Tamil by Ministers.*

* SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" சமீப காலமாக நமது சபையில், விவாதங்களில் தமிழ் முக்கியமாக இடம் பெற்று வந்துள்ளது. அதனால் கன்னடம் மட்டும் தெரிந்த அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கு ஓர் அளவு கஷ்டம் ஏற்படுகிறது என்பது உண்மை. மலையாள அங்கத்தினர்களுக்கும் ஓர் அளவுக்கு கஷ்டம் ஏற்படுகிறது என்பதும் உண்மை. இந்த கஷ்டத்தை போக்கவேண்டிய அவசியம் இருந்தபோதிலும்கூட தமிழிலேயே விவாதங்களுக்கும் கேள்விகளுக்கும் பதில் சொல்லுவதில் மந்திரிகளுடைய

கொள்கையில் மாறுதல் உண்டா ? ஏனென்றால் இரண்டு தினங்களாக பத்திரிகைகளில் வெளிவரக்கூடிய செய்திகளில் அதைப்பற்றி சந்தேகத்திற்கு இடமிருக்கிறது. தெளிவுப்படுத்துமாறு கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Before the Hon. Minister replies to the point raised by the hon. Member, I must tell the House that Dr. Menon and some of the Members coming from Mangalore represented to me that they find it very difficult to follow Tamil speeches of Hon. Ministers. In this connection, I also sent a note to Hon. Ministers."

* The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I will explain the present position in English so that the hon. Members from Malabar and South Kanara may follow it. There is absolutely no change in the policy as far as the language problem is concerned. The questions which are put in Tamil will be answered in Tamil if the Hon. Minister concerned knows Tamil. In respect of replies to debates if the Hon. Minister concerned feels that the subject concerns mainly the Tamil area or if he feels that he will be able to express himself better in the Tamil language, the reply will be made in Tamil. This is the policy which we are adopting and there has been absolutely no change in it. I am sorry that there should have been some versions published in the newspapers for which there is absolutely no basis whatsoever." 9-40 a.m.

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, I thank the Hon. the Minister for Finance for the very fair compromise that he has suggested."

III.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1955-56—*cont.*

(1) DEMAND VII—GENERAL SALES TAX AND OTHER TAXES AND DUTIES ADMINISTRATION—*cont.*

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I have allowed two hours for Demand VII—General Sales Tax and Other Taxes and Duties Administration. Yesterday, we had taken only half an hour for this Demand. So, I will allot an hour and a half to-day for this Demand and it will come to a close at about 11 o'clock. I will call upon the Hon. the Minister for Revenue to reply to the debate at about 10-40 a.m. To-day being Friday, the House will rise at 1 p.m. Instead of assembling again at 3 p.m. we will assemble at 2-30 p.m. and we can finish our work by 6-30 p.m. as I have allotted 6 hours for Demand XXII—Harijan Uplift. I hope this will be acceptable to all and those who have got to attend the party meeting will also be facilitated by this arrangement."

* Sri T. ANANTA PAI :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to support the Demand and to oppose the Cut Motions. I am fully aware of the fact that the sales tax is an unpopular tax but however unpopular a tax may be, its unpopularity is something different